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REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KNABE October 13, 2009

On October 14, 2008, this Board directed the Auditor-Controller to work with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to review LACOE's Juvenile Court School (JCS) program. This review included the manner in which LACOE utilizes existing dollars for staff and overhead costs and how that compares to other county offices of education JCS programs. Additionally, the review intended to identify the difference between the average daily attendance model and the residential service delivery model and how funding differences would impact the program and the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Los Angeles County Comprehensive Education Reform Committee's report. The Auditor-Controller contracted with School Services of California, Inc. (SSC) to conduct this study. In a report dated August 12, 2009, the Auditor-Controller highlighted the results of SSC's review and issued recommendations to enhance LACOE's oversight of the JCS program.

The results of SSC's review points to LACOE's fiscal challenges and provides a list of recommendations to enhance LACOE's management of the JCS program. In addition, based on SSC's report, the Auditor-Controller recommends that LACOE develop a detailed plan to address the JCS program's operating deficit that has increased from \$6 million to \$20 million over the last three years. LACOE's detailed plan should identify options to reduce JCS program costs and how LACOE plans to pursue legislative changes to the existing funding model. The detailed plan should also prioritize SSC's and the Auditor-Controller's recommendations with targeted completion dates.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that The CEO and the Los Angeles County Office of Education develop a plan that prioritizes and outlines the fiscal impacts of implementing the recommendations from SSC and the Auditor-Controller, identify cost reductions, and develop a timeline to move forward with those recommendations which can be implemented within the existing budget.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that this plan also include the cause of the structural deficit and a strategy to address the deficit both fiscally and legislatively. LACOE and the CEO shall provide quarterly progress reports.

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